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BY FACSIMILE TELECOPIER

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Re: MUR 5709 (Gallagher for Senate)

Dear Ms. Mitchell:

This is in response to your letter dated March 16, 2006, which we received on March 17, 2006, requesting an extension of 20 days to respond to the Commission's reason to believe finding. After considering the circumstances presented in your letter, the Office of the General Counsel has granted the requested extension. Accordingly, your response is due by the close of business on April 14, 2006.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1573.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Beth N. Mizuno".

Beth N. Mizuno
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